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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>RECEIVED</i>	Application Number	09/889,546
	Filing Date	July 18, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Mitsugu Yoshihiro
	Group Art Unit	2651
	Examiner Name	Kapadia, Varsha A.
	Attorney Docket Number	450108-02834

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 3, 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 	12/04/2003 SDENB0B1 00000075 09889546
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 	01 FC:1801 770.00 GP 02 FC:1251 110.00 OP
2.	Miscellaneous	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I) required)	
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
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b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.	
c.	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)	

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